

remember something but I would not like facts to be wrongly stated or incorrectly stated.

As far as the question of complaints against any Manager, I will appreciate if I can get a copy of it.....

SHRI AMAL DATTA : I asked whether a CBI enquiry has been there and whether the Ministry is standing in the way of prosecution.

SHRI NARAYAN DUTT TIWARI : The Ministry does not stand in the way of any prosecution.....

MR. SPEAKER : He will find out.

SHRI NARAYAN DUTT TIWARI :...
if it is legal and legitimate

SHRI AMAL DATTA : Then please let me know.

MR. SPEAKER : Next question—Dr. Phulrenu Guha.....

Shri Chhitubhai Gamit.

Shri Virdhi Chander Jain.

[*Translation*]

Electronic Telephone system under Integrated Rural Digital Network Scheme

*209. **SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the districts in the country where electronic telephone system will be installed under the Integrated Rural Digital Network Scheme by importing modern instruments ;

(b) the names of the countries from where these instruments will be imported ;

(c) the time by which the said work is likely to be started ;

(d) whether most of the instruments for this purpose have been received from Norway ;

(e) the reasons for delay in importing the instruments ; and

(f) the time by which the rural areas of those districts will be linked with automatic system ?

[*English*]

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Four secondary areas namely Kohima (Nagaland), Barmer (Rajasthan), Nainital and Mathura (U.P.), are planned for implementation of IDN scheme in rural areas by importing modern instruments, initially.

(b) the equipment for switching and Digital Radio/PCM links are imported from Norway.

(c) Likely to be started during 1986-87.

(d) These are likely to be received from March 1986 onwards.

(e) The projects are not remunerative and have to be examined in detail. Further a new technology is being introduced for the first time and there are some technical problems to be sorted out like coordination of frequency with Doordarshan.

(f) The areas covered under these districts will be linked with automatic system progressively from 1987 onwards.

[*Translation*]

SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN : Mr. Speaker, Sir, in reply to my question, it has been stated "a new technology is being introduced for the first time and there are some technical problems also." I want to know as to what efforts are being made by Government to solve those problems ?

SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA : We want to instal these equipments on special frequency ; sometime back it has been allotted to Doordarshan. Therefore, we are having consultation with Doordarshan as to how these equipments can be installed as early as possible keeping in view their own requirements. We shall make all out efforts to find out a technical solution in this regard.

SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN : Which places of Barmer district have been selected for this integrated network which will be linked with the automatic system through modern electronic system. Has Gadh tehsil also been included in it ?

SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA : Sir, apart from Barmer city, Byatu, Siwana, Panchpadra, Dorimamma and Choreum have also been included in it. As I said earlier, all these tehsils or cities will be inter-linked through the automatic system.

[*English*]

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY : What is the total number of country Districts in the country in which the electronic telephone system will be installed during the Seventh Five Year Plan and what is the total number of Districts to be covered in Andhra Pradesh ?

SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA : I need notice.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY : This is about the Seventh Plan.

MR. SPEAKER : He will write to you.

SHRI LAL DUHOMA : I would like to know from the hon. Minister. In Mizoram there is the problem of communication of all kinds. We have only one exchange which is a 700 line capacity telephone exchange. In view of the backwardness of the area will the hon. Minister consider favourably introduction of this electronic telephone system in Mizoram also ?

SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA : This is a very special experimental scheme and the area we have selected or on the basis of their geographical situation. We wanted to have one area in the north - east which means Kohima, another desert area, i. e. Barmer and then in Nainital and Mathura which are hills and plains. Both the districts have got a speciality. But there are various other schemes which, if the hon. member wants to know, I can say on another occasion, after due notice as to what we have been doing and what we propose to do for Mizoram and for the North - east.

But I can straightaway admit that development of proper communications including tele - communications in the North - east is a very important item. We are giving it very great importance. We are using the latest technology of satellite communication for connecting these places among themselves and with the rest of the country. The needs and requirements of tele - communication of North East will be given due consideration.

Assistance by USSR in Oil Exploration

*210. **SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA :**
SHRI B. V. DESAI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the extent to which the Soviet Union will help and assist in oil exploration projects in the Cauvery and Cambay basins ;

(b) what will be the approximate expenditure involved in the project and what will be India's contribution ; and

(c) the time by which the accord is likely to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) The scope of work includes preparation of a detailed feasibility report, execution of geophysical surveys, processing and interpretation of data arising out of such surveys, drilling an adequate number of wells and analysing the data therefrom, estimation of reserves and preparation of technological schemes of development and design of surface installations etc.

(b) The expenditure on the project will be known after the Feasibility Report is received. Soviet credit is expected to cover seventy per cent of the cost.

(c) The project would end on the completion of the scope of work or by the end of 1995 whichever is earlier unless an extension is mutually agreed upon.

SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : May I know from the hon. Minister whether the work on the preparation of the feasibility